

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atsushi TAKANE, et al.

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PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(b)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("Patent Office") to correct inventorship by deleting the names of the original named inventors, Haruo YODA, Hideo TODOKORO, Fumio MIZUNO, Mitsugu SATO and Makoto EZUMI, in the instant application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b).

This request is based on Applicants' response to the Restriction Requirement of November 21, 2001 in parent application Serial No. 09/612,302. In the parent application, Applicants elected Group I, directed to claims 1 - 22 and 30-49. In the instant Divisional application, Applicants elect Group II, directed to claims 23 - 29, which now results in an invention that no longer may be claimed by original above named inventors. Accordingly, Applicants hereby petition that these inventors to be deleted.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b), the present invention now claimed in this application was invented by Atsushi TAKANE, Shoji YOSHIDA and Mitsuji IKEDA.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0203 in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the petition fee as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i). In addition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee(s) associated with this Petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-0203. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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